

REMARKS

The Office Action dated April 10, 2007 was an election of species requirement, requiring that the applicants elect to prosecute one of 29 species which were allegedly disclosed in the application. The various species were indicated on pages 2-5 of the Office Action.

Applicants provisionally elect to prosecute the subject matter of species VIII, illustrated in Figures 32-37.

The Office Action indicated that if species VIII were elected, then subspecies I or subspecies II must be elected. Applicants hereby elect examination of subspecies I, illustrated in Figure 34(a). Applicants submit that claims 1, 4, 9, 10, and 11 are directed to the elected species/subspecies. Timely examination of these claims is respectfully requested.

Applicants respectfully request that upon a finding of allowability of generic claim 1, that all of the claims of the application be examined.

Furthermore, applicants respectfully submit that the indication of subspecies II of species VIII seems to be improperly indicated as being illustrated in Figure 27(a). It would appear that this is a typographical error, and subspecies II should actually be indicated as being illustrated Figure 37(a). Please clarify this issue in a next communication in this regard.

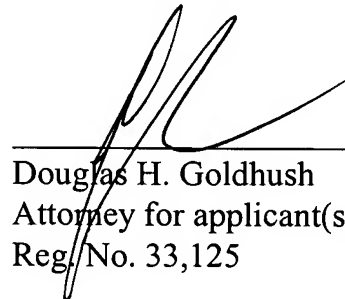
In summary, applicants respectfully elect to prosecute species VIII, subspecies I, as illustrated in Figure 34(a), and which is recited in claims 1, 4, 9, 10, and 11.

Timely consideration is respectfully requested.

Applicants reserve the right to file a divisional application(s) on the non-elected subject matter at any point prior to the termination of the proceedings in the subject application. Timely consideration on the merits is respectfully requested.

In the event this paper is not being timely filed, the applicant respectfully petition for an appropriate extension of time. Any fees for such an extension together with any additional fees may be charged to Counsel's Deposit Account 50-2222.

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